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Applicant:

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STATEMENT OF UNINTENTIONAL DELAY OF BENEFIT CLAIM UNDER 37
C.F.R. 1.55(c)(3)

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Dear Sir:

Applicants' attorney hereby states that the entire delay between the date the benefit claim was due under 37 C.F.R. 1.55(a)(1) and the date the claim was filed (submitted herewith) was unintentional.

If any outstanding issues exist, the Patent Office is invited to contact Applicants' attorney at the below-listed number.

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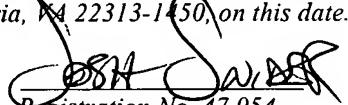
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PETITION TO ACCEPT UNINTENTIONALLY DELAYED BENEFIT CLAIM
UNDER 37 C.F.R. 119

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Dear Sir:

Applicants respectfully petition for acceptance of a benefit claim for the above-identified Application. The above-identified Application claims the benefit of Japanese Patent Application No. JP2002-214900, filed July 24, 2002. The above-identified Application was filed July 22, 2003, within one year of this Japanese Application.

This petition is accompanied by:

- (1) A certified copy of the priority document;
- (2) The surcharge set forth in 37 C.F.R. 1.17(t) in the amount of \$1370.00; and
- (3) A statement under 37 C.F.R. 1.55(c)(3), in a separate paper, that the entire

delay between the date the claim was due under paragraph 37 C.F.R. 1.55(a)(1) and the date
the claim was filed was unintentional.

As the requirements of 37 C.F.R. 119 are believed to have been met,
Applicants respectfully request acceptance of the enclosed benefit claim. If any outstanding
issues exist, the Examiner is invited to contact Applicants' attorney at the below-listed
number.

The Commissioner is authorized to charge any additional fees, and to credit any
refunds, to Deposit Account No. 07-2069. A duplicate of this Petition is enclosed.

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